

**Case Number:** 09CR-762

**Interview Dates:** August 20, 2011 and August 26, 2011

**Present:** (8.20.11) ASA James McKay, ASA Veryl Gambino, 711 Law Clerk Stephanie Gersch, Julia Hudson, and Sandy Chavez. (8.26.11) ASA James McKay, ASA Jennifer Bagby, 711 Law Clerk Stephanie Gersch, Julia Hudson, and Pamela Walker.

**Time:** 9:20 am (8.20.11) and 5:00 pm (8.26.11)

**Prepared by:** Stephanie Gersch

**Synopsis of Report:** Interviewed Witness – Julia Hudson

Julia discussed where she grew up and attended school. She moved around Chicago and eventually moved to a house at 7019 S. Yale. Julia also discussed her family life. She has a younger sister, Jennifer Hudson and a younger brother Jason Hudson. Both her and her sister graduated from high school while her brother attended an alternative school after being kicked out of high school. Julia has a son. His name is Julian King and he was born in 2001. Julian's father is Gregory King.

Julia stated that she has known William Balfour ("D") since she was a child. D has a brother, Raymond and a sister, Sensuous. They all lived south of the Hudson family on Yale, then they moved away.

Julia stated that when she was older she ran into D. This was in 2006 after D got out of jail.

Julia explained her relationship with D. She stated that they started going out in July 2006. When D first took Julia out, they went to eat. She recalled that he would not look at her while talking. When he would speak to her he would turn his head. Julia's ex-boyfriend, Marnel Manson, warned Julia that he was worried about D.

Julia stated that D was persistent and eventually she fell for him. They were married on December 30, 2006. Before she married D, Jennifer Hudson told her not to do it. The only people from Julia's immediate family to attend the wedding were herself and her son, Julian. Julia's uncle performed the ceremony. Once D and Julia were married, they both moved into Julia's mom's house on Yale. They stayed in a bedroom downstairs.

In February 2007, Julia went to Japan. D could not travel because he was on parole. While Julia was in Japan, D told her he slept with a picture of her. He told Julia, "I'm sleeping with your picture. I keep it with me." He also stated that if something happened to her, he would not bury her. He would keep her. D did not like it when Julia traveled. He was a very jealous person. When Julia came back from Japan, things started to change in their relationship. Jason and D did not get along at all. Julia and D fought all the time after she returned from Japan. She stated that

they fought about "anything and everything." D would yell at other men if they called Julia "baby" or any other form of a term of endearment.

Julia worked as a school bus driver for Sunrise. D worked at Cusi's on Michigan Ave. He also sold drugs to earn money. In late 2007 D was robbed. D knew the man who robbed him and he retaliated against Timothy "Timmo" Brown by shooting him at a gas station.

Julia and D were intimate. Julia never cheated on D, but he accused her of cheating with Richard Parker ("Richard"). D had many girls that he saw while he was married. He saw "Shontay." He also saw Natasha "Tasha" Corner. D was also seeing a woman named Diana.

In February 2008, Julia and D became estranged and D moved out. Julia stated that she thought D had moved in with Tasha, even though he told her he was living with his Aunt Renee near 127th and Ashland.

On or about May 6, 2008, approximately 5:30 pm, D drove his Pontiac Bonneville through the alley behind Julia's house. Reggie Jones ("Reggie") was out working on a car with Tyrone Dunbar ("T-Y"). Before Julia got into the car with D, she looked at Reggie to make sure that he saw what was going on. Julia stated that this was to tell Reggie that she was with D in case something happened and she did not come back. D drove Julia to the McDonald's at 69th and Lafayette. He told her, "I can't sleep. I can't do it without you. I want you to come back." Julia responded that she was through with D. D stated, "If you leave me I'll kill you. You'll be the last to die."

On June 19, 2008 D was arrested and went to jail again. D was in jail until July 16, 2008. While the D was in jail, Julia stated that she never went to visit D, nor did she post any bond money on behalf of D.

The last weekend in July 2008 was the Hudson family reunion in St. Louis, MO. The family reunion started on Friday July 25, 2008 and Julia returned home Monday July 28, 2008.

On or about July 30, 2008, Julia and her family were celebrating a relative's birthday. This took place at the house on Yale in the evening. Richard was at the house and Julia was talking with him. Julia saw the D coming down the street and he looked mad. Julia told Richard that he should leave. D and Julia argued outside and D stole her phone. He sent Richard text messages from Julia's phone. Debra Hampton was also outside and told Julia that D is crazy.

On July 31, 2008 D stayed overnight on Yale. Julia and D both were not working the next morning. Around 10 pm, Julia and D were laying in Julia's bed. When Julia said to D, "Tomorrow morning you and I are going to get divorced." He told her again, "If you leave me, I'm going to kill you. You will be the last. I'll kill your family first." The next day, Julia and the Hudson family noticed that Jason's .45 caliber handgun was missing.

In the late summer 2008, D told Julia that, "The next time I see Richard here, I'm coming through and dumping." Julia explained that the term "dumping" means shooting. She asked D, "Even with my baby on the block?" D responded that he didn't care who was on the block.

Julia had co-signed on an auto loan for D and his Chrysler the year before. He had bad credit and needed Julia to co-sign. That car eventually disappeared and Julia reported it stolen. However, the outstanding loan still existed. Julia thought she had "gap insurance" to pay off the loan. Julia received a letter in the mail advising her that her wages were going to be garnished if she did not pay off the loan.

Late one night in August 2008, James "Bear" Payton came over and warned Julia that D had a gun on him.

In the evening of August 23, 2008, Julia, D and Julian King went to Jeaneen and Robbin Myer's house for a BBQ.

Julia and D were still intimate during the late summer of 2008. However, there were times when D would be talking to Julia, and she wouldn't be paying attention. Julia told D that if she never saw him again, it would mean nothing to her.

Julia briefly lived in an apartment at 5603 S. Sacramento. She moved in on or about September 1, 2008. D would stay there a few nights a week. Julia stated that it was at this apartment on September 12, 2008, that she told D that their marriage was not going to work out. She said that she tried but could not do it. D asked if Julia was leaving him for Richard. She said it was not for Richard. D then told her, "You are my book and you are just a chapter in his book."

On September 18, 2008 Julia's car, a 2003 Chevy Impala, was stolen from 56th and Sacramento. Julia reported it. Julia later learned that D had taken her car and sold it for \$800.

On September 19, 2008 Julia moved out of her new apartment at 5603 S. Sacramento and went back to 7019 S. Yale.

On October 1, 2008 Julia's car was recovered. D had called Julia around 1 pm and told her the police located her car. However, when they were talking she told D that Richard was on the other line and then she hung up on D. This was the same day that the D came to visit Julia at her job. This was around 4 pm and D was angry. Julia was leaving and trying to avoid D. She stated that a female employee "Jeaneen" called out Julia's name and D then noticed her. D asked her, "That's what you're on?" She responded, "yes," and walked away. Mikita Bailey ("Kita") blocked the traffic in the parking lot so Julia was able to drive away from D and she had no more contact with D that day.

On October 9, 2008 around 3:30 pm, Julia was driving the school bus and she saw D's car. Julia stated that she parked her bus near 73rd and Vincennes. D jumped on the bus and sat on the top of the front seat on the passenger's side. D told her, "You know I came to your job to kill you that day." Julia did not respond. D then stated, "Listen to me and listen to me good. I've been thinking about taking Julian." Julia told D that Julian was fine and he (Julian) belonged with her. She then asked D why he said this and D responded, "Y'all don't do nothing with him." D then started bothering Julia about being intimate with Richard. Julia told D, "I am not fucking Richard but I will on my birthday." D made another comment about killing Julia. He stated,

"I'm going to kill your family first, then kill you." However, when D would say these things Julia never believed he would actually act on it. She estimated that he said this to her at least 25 times since they separated.

On October 17, 2008 Julia stated that she met with D at her friend's house and they went to a motel on Stoney Island to have sex. Late at night as they were laying in bed, Julia turned to D and said, "I think you're crazier than a motherfucker." D asked Julia, "How would you feel if I never saw you again?" Julia responded, "I really wouldn't care." She stated that his expression was one of disbelief.

October 18, 2008 was Sweetest Day. Richard bought Julia balloons and flowers. Julia and Richard had sex for the first and only time on Sweetest Day. However, Julia told D that she was planning to sleep with Richard the next weekend, for her birthday. Julia Hudson's birthday is October 23.

On October 23, 2008 Julia went to work. She returned home at 5 pm and her friends took her to Red Lobster. They went to celebrate her birthday. Her mom did not attend but her son Julian did.

Julia stated, that on October 24, 2008 in the early morning, she saw D standing outside her bedroom window. She remembers hearing a car audibly locking. Julia then walked to the window to look out and saw D on the side of her house, just standing, right outside her window. The window was closed but Julia motioned for D to walk to the front of the house. Julia let D in. When D came inside Julia noticed that he was wearing a thermal black and gray shirt. He also had a tan jacket on. D was wearing blue and black Michael Jordan gym shoes as well.

At this point in the interview, Julia was shown pictures of D. When she was shown a picture of D, she stated that D was not wearing those clothes when he came over. She again described the clothes that he was wearing when he came over on October 24, 2008. Julia stated that she had never before seen the boots that were in a picture that was shown to her.

Julia stated that D came into the house and saw the balloons that Richard had given Julia for Sweetest Day. D punched the balloons. Either D or Julia used the bathroom. D stayed approximately 5 minutes and left out the front door. Julia left too, since she was running late for work. She drove away and saw D was still outside her house. D had asked Julia earlier if he could see her that night. D also told Julia that he saw her mom that morning. Julia asked D, "How?" D stated that he could see her mom looking out her upstairs window.

Julia worked at Sunrise that morning. When she got to work she learned that her wages were going to be garnished because of that outstanding car loan. She called D about it that morning. She drove some students to Brookfield Zoo on her bus. Throughout the day, Julia's mother did not call her. This was odd, but Julia thought that her mom was letting her enjoy quiet time for her birthday. When Julia returned home from work around 2:30 pm, she sat in her parked car, texting for a few minutes. Jason's truck was not in the driveway when Julia got home.

Julia got out of her car and walked up to the front porch. She saw a bullet hole in the front door. When she opened the door, she called for her mom. Julia noticed Julian's piggy bank sitting in the middle of the floor on the front porch. She remembered leaving it in her room that morning. Julia did not hear any response from her mom, and as Julia walked through the house she noticed that the door to one of the rooms had been pushed opened slightly. She looked in the room and she immediately noticed a foot. At first Julia thought that her mom had fallen down and was hurt, but she was not moving.

Julia ran out of the house screaming for someone to call the police because her mom looked dead. She remembered repeating it over and over. Julia saw Jarvis Williams ("Jarvis") on the street and asked him to go in to the house and check. She could not find Julian and did not see Jason. Jarvis came out of the house and told Julia that her mom was dead and that he could not find Julian. Julia called the police at 2:42 pm.

The police were at the house around 2:50 pm. Richard was also there. Julia had called him to come over. She kept repeating that she could not find Julian or Jason. While outside her house around 3:25 pm, D called Julia. Julia answered his call and asked, "Where are you?" D stuttered and did not answer right away. He just kept saying he was, "Uh, uh, uh, up North."

Later that afternoon Julia went to the police station at 51st and Wentworth.

People used to tell Julia that D would sit on her block and watch her house. There were numerous times when Reggie told Julia that D was watching her.

Julia stated that after the incident no ransom demand was ever made. There was never any request for ransom by anyone. Julia stated that Jennifer Hudson posted a reward for any information about the whereabouts of Julian King. To Julia's knowledge there has never been a claim for the reward money.

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